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APPLICANTS' INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to MPEP § 713.04, Applicants submit the following summary of the personal interview conducted with the Examiner on September 9, 2005:

Brief Description of the Nature of any Exhibit Shown or any Demonstration Conducted:

None.

Identification of the Claims Discussed:

Independent Claim 1.

Identification of Specific Prior Art Discussed:

Viega et. al. "3D MAGIC LENSES"

Identification of the Principle Proposed Amendments of a Substantive Nature Discussed:

The Examiner suggested "amending Claim 1 to limit the image to only the intersection of the 3D sampling probe and the 3D volume would overcome Viega et al."

The General Thrust of the Principal Arguments of Applicants to the Examiner:

Applicants' undersigned representative suggested that Viega et. al. did not limit the image to only the intersection of the 3D sampling probe and the 3D volume and further, did not teach or disclose the method described in Claim 1 as "repeating drawing step (b) responsive to movement of the 3D sampling probe(s) within the 3D volume so that as the 3D sampling

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probe(s) moves through the 3D volume, the image of the 3D sampling probe(s) is redrawn substantially at the same time."

Applicants' undersigned representative also suggested that Viega et. al. and Speray et. al. "Volume Probes: Interactive Data Exploration on Arbitrary Grids," which was faxed by the Examiner to Applicants' undersigned representative prior to the interview, are no more relevant than the references cited in U.S. Patent Number 6,765,570 and the pending Application.

General Indication of Any Other Pertinent Matters Discussed:

The Examiner acknowledged that Applicants' Amendment and Response to Office Action dated October 6, 2004, which included a terminal disclaimer, was sufficient to overcome the double patenting rejection of the claims based upon U.S. Patent Number 6,765,570.

General Results or Outcome of the Interview:

The Examiner promised to promptly review Speray et. al. and specify the specific sections of each reference [Viega et. al. and Speray et. al.] on which the Examiner intends to rely and whether the Examiner will rely on each reference individually or collectively in the next office action.

Respectfully submitted,

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